

Edward Santa Barbara; 8. April 1871

Geo. E. Dowenport Esq.,

Dear Sir

I am preparing a paper for a meeting of our Society to be held on the 25th of May, on the Polypodimms, and would like to know from you, the different localities of these ^{specimens of the same} found in North America. How many I might count on getting by that time, or anything that would aid in making my paper useful and interesting. Of course I know nothing on the subject. Although as one of a committee on ferns I am supposed to know a very great deal. Still I must make a desperate effort to do my best for the sake of the Society's reputation. I have as yet but one species of this genus *P. Californicum*. Are Polypodimms rare? or why is it that I have seen so few of them. You would oblige me very much by enlightening me somewhat on the subject. We have had a abundant

rain this year, and vegetation is luxuriant. Fruits
and flowers are in perfection, so that I hope to
supply fully all my correspondents with these
botanical treasures.

Wishing to hear from you soon

Believe me

Very truly Yours

Sarah P. Cooper